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# School lunch programs to be free

## Province to outlaw school board's $200 supervision fees

By **LINDSAY JONES**
Metro Halifax

The education minister will legislate universal lunch supervision with no user fees this fall.

"The legislation will be effective in September of 2009 that no students will have to pay in any school. It will be universal," Karen Casey said yesterday. "We're giving the Halifax board a year to work that through."

The Education Department has no plans to help the Halifax regional school board — currently the only board in the province that charges parents for lunch supervision — pay for it, a spokesman said.

"Other boards are managing to do it, so our expectation is that Halifax can do it within the funding resources that we give them currently," Peter McLaughlin said.

Lunch fees became controversial last fall after a group of Fall River parents publicly opposed paying the school board's $200 fee levied on French immersion and walking students who want to stay for lunch.

Liberals responded by introducing legislation intended to eliminate the fees. Board staff threatened to dismantle the lunchtime supervision program altogether unless the province ponied up to help fund it.

The board maintains lunch isn't part of the instructional day as outlined in the teachers' collective agreement and is not its responsibility.

**expensive lunch**

» **Board staff estimated it would cost at least an additional $2.4 million to offer lunchtime supervision to all students.**

Many parents were outraged at the possibility of losing the "valuable" child-care service and said they were quite happy to pay.

In light of that, the board recently passed a new lunch policy that says parents whose children live within an appropriate walking distance to school still have to pay, but the program can no longer generate profit.

Peggy Aikenhead of Fall River said yesterday she's pleased with the minister's plans, but still won't pay supervision fees for her son in 2008-09.

"We shouldn't be paying extra to send our children to public school. It's not fair for (only) some to have to pay," said the mother of two.

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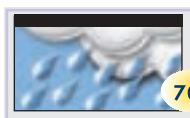
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# Proud papa

**Alex Moore of Halifax kisses his 12-week-old son Hunter for the first time yesterday after returning home from a six-month tour of duty in the Persian Gulf aboard HMCS Charlottetown. Families waving Canadian flags cheered the return of loved ones who have been abroad for half a year.** **Story, page 2.**

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# Soldier takes on new duty

## Fatherhood next as sailor returns to meet infant son

By **LINDSEY KEILTY**
for Metro Halifax

He learned how to be a soldier; now, Alex Moore has to learn how to be a father.

Moore met his infant son, Hunter, for the first time yesterday when he and nearly 250 other sailors returned from a six-month deployment on HMCS Charlottetown.

**homecoming**

» The submarine HMCS Corner Brook also returned yesterday following a three-month deployment to the Caribbean Sea.

Families waving Canadian flags cheered, hugged and welled up with tears at the sight of loved ones who have been abroad for half a year.

"I cried like a little girl when he was born," said Moore, who was able to talk to his family via satellite phone during the birth on Feb. 14. "Now I have to learn how to be a dad. Look how tiny his hands are. I can't wait to spend all kinds of time with him."

As part of Operation Altair — Canada's contribution to the U.S.-led anti-terrorism mission Operation Enduring Freedom, HMCS Charlottetown, including a CH-124 Sea King helicopter detachment, left Halifax on Nov. 1, 2007 for the Persian Gulf region.

The tour involved surveillance, boarding suspicious vessels and gaining intelligence on potential terrorist activity, including a major illicit drug seizure and a rescue off the coast of Oman.



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**Sarah West embraces her boyfriend, Jonathan Lindal, for the first time in six months. Lindal returned yesterday from a six-month tour with the HMCS Charlottetown.**



**Kenidee Boutilier, 4, of Halifax, waits patiently for the HMCS Charlottetown to dock. Her dad, Blaise Boutilier, returned yesterday from a six-month tour in the Persian Gulf.**

# School board warns of program cuts

## But minister says drop in services won't be tolerated

By **LINDSAY JONES**
Metro Halifax

The school board says cuts in the classroom may be in store next year unless the province ponies up more cash.

The Halifax regional school board held a special meeting yesterday to discuss implications if the recently tabled provincial budget passes.

"We're certainly looking at tough choices," said Richard Morris, the board's director of financial services. "If I was a parent, I would be concerned about programs and services that may be affected."

Morris said the board's estimated funding levels are not enough to cover current programming in schools. An estimated 4.2 per cent provincial increase would only cover rising staff salaries and benefits, he said. Last year, the board received about $350 million from the province.

Adding to the pressure is a lack of provision in the budget for the soaring costs of oil. Morris said the board expects to pay an additional $2.4 million for heat next year.

The Education Minister Karen Casey said the board will have to work within the dollars the province provides.

"We're not suggesting and we will not accept any reductions in services," Casey said. "If they're finding the funding is not adequate, then we want them to look inside at some of their own operational costs."

Morris said the current funding formula used by the province also short-changes Halifax students.

The board currently receives $6,523 per student in funding — that's 9.2 per cent less than the provincial average of $7,185.

Strait regional school board receives $2,000 more in per student funding than Halifax.

Casey said all school boards were involved in a 2005 decision about the per pupil funding formula, but admitted it may be time to review it.

"The concerns for Halifax will certainly be given serious consideration and that may cause us to look at: 'Is the implementation of this fair or do we need to go back and revisit it?'" -*lindsay.jones@metronews.ca*

# New course tailored to kids ages 3 and 4

The school board is introducing a new early childhood program to replace the Four-Plus program.

The same seven schools that offered the Four-Plus program for four-year-olds will now offer a program aimed at three and four-year-olds.

The Early Learning Opportunities Program was put in place to reflect the province's change in entry for Grade Primary, the board said in a press release.

Starting in September, the new Early Learning Opportunities program will enroll up to 18 children and be taught by seven early childhood educators, instead of teachers.

**where**

» The Early Learning Opportunities Program will be at the following schools: Harbour View Elementary, Joseph Howe Elementary, Nelson Whynder Elementary, Rockingstone Heights, St. Joseph's-A. McKay, St. Patrick's-Alexandra, South Woodside Elementary

Halifax regional school board spokesman Doug Hadley said the teachers who taught the Four-Plus program will be offered other teaching positions within the board.

Registration takes place at each school from May 26 to June 6.

LINDSAY JONES/METRO HALIFAX



Who says you can't get ahead in business without an MBA? The new head of Mercedes-Benz Financial Canada is Saint Mary's University B.A. grad Brian Fulton. Fulton, previously managing director of Mercedes-Benz Financial East Business Centre, holds only an undergrad arts degree.

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# 10 new Dal med seats

## Province to help pay tuition if doctors agree to stay in N.S.

By **ROBYN YOUNG**
Metro Halifax

The health minister yesterday announced 10 new undergraduate medical school seats will open at Dalhousie University over the next two years and those chosen for the program will get tuition support in exchange for their commitment to practice wherever the government deems necessary.

The Liberals have been fighting for the seats to ease doctor shortages in the province and party leader Stephen McNeil said he was disappointed last week when the seats weren't included in the provincial budget.

After Health Minister Chris d'Entremont announced the program at the legislature yesterday, a member of the New Democrat Party noted its opportune timing.

"There certainly is, kind of like a marriage of convenience," said New Democrat MLA Frank Corbett, referring to the possibility the government announced the seats simply for the Liberal vote.

The budget vote — which takes place next Thursday — is a confidence vote and gives the Liberal and New Democrat parties the power to topple Premier Rodney MacDonald's minority government if they both choose to vote against it.

Health Minister Chris d'Entremont said the 10 new seats, which will cost the government about $400,000, weren't part of last week's budget because the agreement with Dalhousie was not yet settled.

"It's Dal who does the training on our behalf," he said. "They felt they weren't ready."

Since the details of the budget were released last week, McNeil has said his vote is not a guarantee, though yesterday his tune was slightly different.

"I'm pleased for Nova Scotians," he said, referring to the new seats.

He said if the sitting of the legislature continues in such a positive direction, the party may be able to vote in support of the budget.

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**budget vote**

» The premier said the new program has been in the works for a number of months and the timing of the announcement has nothing to do with next week's budget vote.




ROBYN YOUNG/METRO HALIFAX

A young marcher rallies with a crowd of corrections officers as they circle the legislature yesterday, chanting for Justice Minister Cecil Clarke and demanding safer working conditions.

# Prison guards protest

## Hundreds call for safer conditions

By **ROBYN YOUNG**
Metro Halifax

"We're not gonna take it!"

Lyrics from Twisted Sisters' hit song of the same name echoed through the streets around Province House yesterday as a couple of hundred corrections officers rallied, demanding safer working conditions.

Men, women and children carried signs painted with catchy slogans such as Keeping us safe keeps you safe.

They called for Justice Minister Cecil Clarke to equip their members — immediately — with batons, pepper spray or Tasers for inmate transfers and increase staffing at correctional facilities in the province.

The minister steered clear of the boisterous crew.

"I've already met with the president of the NSGEU and the worker reps for the various locals," Clarke said.

An external audit of correctional services is underway, he said, and no changes will be made until the audit is complete — sometime in the next three months.

Jim Gosse, president of Local 480 of the NSGEU, said it was "most disappointing" the minister refused to show his face.

"I'm not surprised," Gosse said. "We've seen very little action from this minister to date; it's my belief that he's looking after a portfolio that he's very ill-prepared to handle at this time."

**job action**

» Joan Jessome, president of the Nova Scotia Government and General Employees Union, said guards may begin job action if their requests aren't fulfilled.

# Premier admonishes minister over son's crash

By **ROBYN YOUNG**
Metro Halifax

Premier Rodney MacDonald yesterday publicly reprimanded Community Services Minister Judy Streatch for allowing her 17-year-old son to drive her government-leased SUV.

"Government vehicles are first and foremost, as they always have been, for government business, and that's what they should be used for," he said at Province House.

Streatch has been at the centre of controversy this week after her son smashed the 2008 Ford Escape hybrid on the weekend while driving it to the corner store with his girlfriend to get ice cream.

Streatch admitted her mistake Tuesday in letting her son drive the government-leased car, saying if she had it to do over again, she would tell him to drive the family's other car.

She said she misunderstood the policy around the vehicle and will pay for the damages to the car.

The premier agreed the policy is confusing and it will be reviewed.

## »news In Brief

» **PRISON** A Springhill inmate who sucker-punched a jail guard so badly that he crushed bones in the man's face has been given an extra 25 months in jail. Jason Halsey, 22, punched guard Dion Kearley twice in the face during a routine strip search at the jail in October 2006. He also hit a second jail guard. The ensuing fight left Kealey needing facial surgery; his back was hurt and he hasn't been able to go back to work since. In his decision, released yesterday, Justice Ted Scanlan noted Halsey bragged about punching the guard.

» **ARRESTS** The HRM Integrated Vice Unit arrested two women Tuesday night for prostitution-related offences. The women, aged 22 and 44, were arrested in the Windmill Road area at 8:15 p.m. and 9:40 p.m. respectively for communicating for the purpose of prostitution. The women are scheduled to appear in court at a later date.

» **RESEARCH** Twelve Dalhousie University researchers received funding from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research yesterday totalling $4,271,100. Announced by Health Minister Tony Clement, the grants will support notable research projects, including the effects of cannabis and traffic collisions, the "reovirus" as possible treatment for cancer and a study on workplace abuse and violent encounters experienced by family doctors.

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# Puck drops for hockey history

## Group pitching $20M heritage centre for game

Hockey fans and players aren't the only ones showing off their love of the game in Halifax this week. Board members of Hockeyland — a proposed heritage centre — are also in the city drumming up support for the game.

"There is no suitable venue that celebrates the heritage of ice hockey, which is one of the most significant cultural contributions that Canada has given the world," said board member Ralston MacDonnell.

Proposed for Windsor, N.S., the $20 million project would see the construction of a more than 3,700 square metre centre which would trace the sport from ponds to arenas.

*« There is no suitable venue that celebrates the heritage of ice hockey, which is one of the most significant cultural contributions that Canada has given the world. »*

*Hockeyland board member Ralston MacDonnell*

The board plans to open the facility in 2010, with an estimate 75,000 to 150,000 visitors passing through annual.

"Hockey in Canada goes far beyond the game," said board chair Wayne Russell. He is also in Halifax to help raise awareness — and money —to take the project into the design and construction phase.

"It's really become and integral part of our culture, but I think more than that, it is a game that very much defines us as Canadians."

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## »news In Brief

» **NEW SHIFT** Federal Gypsum, a Cape Breton wallboard manufacturer, has added a second shift to its plant after being in dire straits at the start of the year. The new shift, set to start next week, will transform the plant into a 24-hour operation for three days of the week. The company now has 50 employees, up from 32 before the plan was implemented in February. Federal Gypsum was burdened with liabilities of $32.2 million and had to deal with 99 creditors.

» **MILL** A steadily rising Canadian dollar means that it's no longer profitable to export paper produced at NewPage's Port Hawkesbury mill to the United States, says the company. In the past, the mill shipped around 85 per cent of its newsprint and supercalendered paper south of the border.

» **AWARD** CMC-Canada has awarded the TD Insurance Meloche Monnex Gold Medal Award to Christa Hornberger, CMC, partner with Halifax Global Inc., a strategic and business planning management consulting firm. The award recognizes the Certified Management Consultant (CMC) who achieved the highest mark on the comprehensive exam — one of the final steps in achieving the CMC designation.

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# Surgeries suspended at IWK

## Asbestos found in duct work around pediatric ORs

By **LINDSEY KEILTY**
for Metro Halifax

**off till weekend**

» Surgeries have been suspended in the pediatric operating rooms at least until the weekend.

So far, 23 elective pediatric surgeries have been cancelled at the IWK Health Centre after asbestos was discovered in duct work surrounding six pediatric operating rooms on Tuesday.

Jocelyn Vine, VP patient care for the IWK, says a crew is onsite assessing the situation.

"We can't say how long it will be until the surgeries are rescheduled because we don't yet know how long it will take to resolve the situation," she said. "Each of the patients will be re-assessed and prioritized to see that the patients with the most pressing needs are booked first."

Material containing asbestos was discovered in duct work surrounding the Pediatric ORs after a staff member noticed a white substance in one of the rooms. Testing found no airborne asbestos.

The isolated area has been closed off until the duct system has been fully assessed. While no other areas of the hospital have been closed off, the inspection crew is in "full assessment mode," Vine said.

**investigation**

## Cops query youths in stabbing case

**PROBE** Police are in the process of questioning four young offenders who have been identified in connection with a stabbing of a 14-year-old girl in a Bedford park Monday night.

"Police took possession of the victim's computer and through that were able to determine who was involved in the incident, though it is not clear the extent of which the two groups knew each other," Halifax Regional Police spokeswoman Theresa Rath said. "But we do know that the meeting was arranged prior to the incident.

No charges have been laid.

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» **FERRY** The Region of Queens Municipality will contribute $1,950 towards the Digby-Saint John ferry service in an effort to keep it going. "We felt it's an important investment on behalf of all of Western Nova Scotia and Queens County," said Mayor John Leefe. METRO HALIFAX

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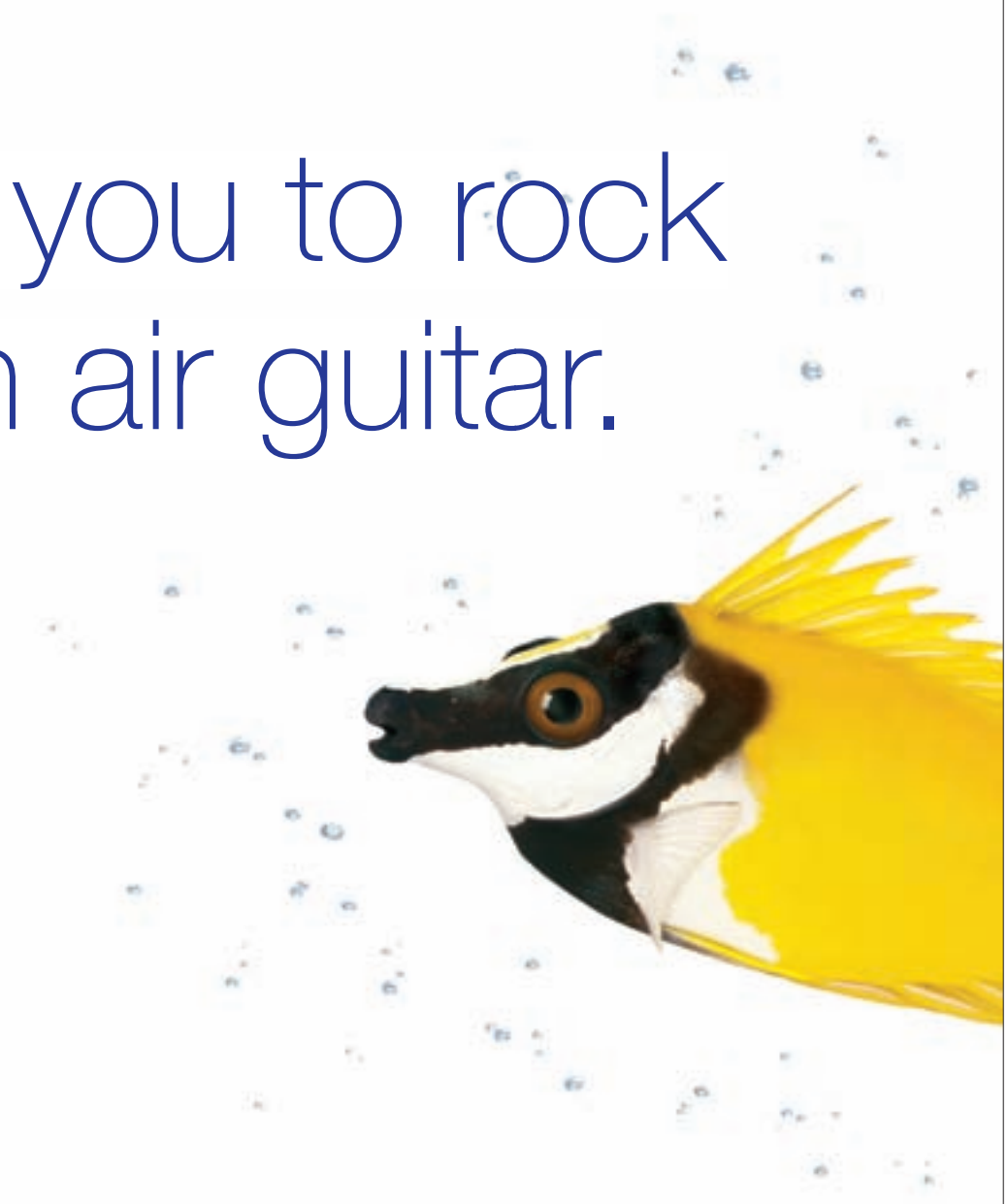
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The Toronto Zoo has found a new home for three male reindeer after being hit by a wave of public anger last month when it euthanized two newborns because of overpopulation. REUTERS

# Kyoto rule violations investigated

## Canada may face UN carbon trading suspension if guilty

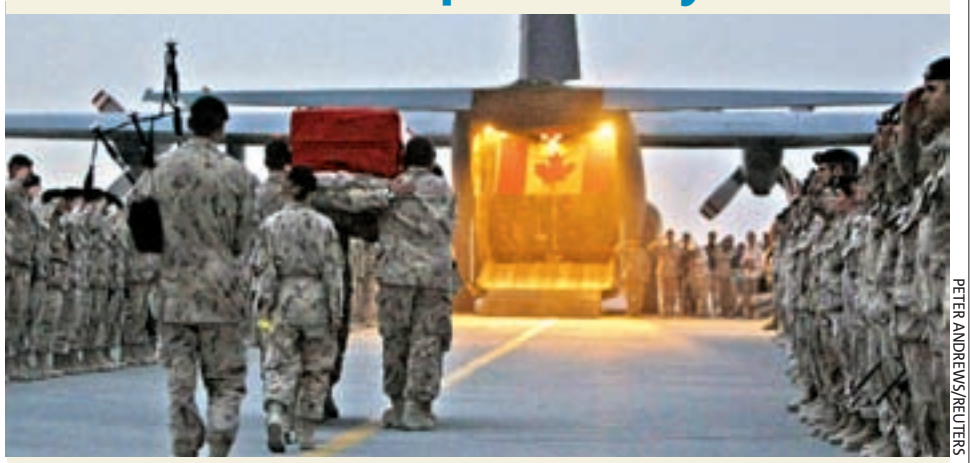
Canada will be investigated on suspicion of violating rules for registering greenhouse gases that are the mainstay of a UN-led fight against global warming, official documents show.

Ottawa played down the news, saying it was taking quick steps to ensure it complied by the rules.

Canada could be suspended from rights to trade carbon dioxide if found to be in breach of the rules by the enforcement branch of the UN's Kyoto Protocol. Greece was suspended last month, the first country to face such a sanction.

"On 5 May 2008 Canada was given an official notification of the decision of the enforcement branch to proceed" with a formal question over compliance with rules on registering emissions, the enforcement branch said. The enforcement branch warned Canada last month that it risked scrutiny over alleged shortfalls in its greenhouse gas registry. REUTERS

## Fallen soldier **Ramp ceremony**



PETER ANDREWS/REUTERS

Pallbearers carry the coffin of Cpl. Michael Starker of 15 Field Ambulance onto an Air Force aircraft during a ramp ceremony at the Kandahar air field yesterday. Cpl. Starker was killed on Tuesday and another Canadian soldier was wounded while on patrol.

# Missing illegals tip of the iceberg: Expert

## Says many workers overstaying visas

The Canada Border Service Agency's failure to track down 41,000 illegal migrants may be only the tip of the iceberg as an unknown number of people simply overstay in the country after their visas expire, a security expert warns.

With the federal government's rapid expansion of the temporary foreign worker program, many of the workers may just stay, said Martin Collacott of the Fraser Institute, a national conservative think tank.

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native communities

## Smokes fuelling exploitation: RCMP

**GANGS** Cheap contraband smokes are fuelling the criminal activity of more than 100 different organized crime gangs who are "exploiting" native communities across Canada and their "politically sensitive" relationship with government and police, the RCMP said yesterday. They said a carton of 200 cigarettes is being sold for as little as $6.

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» **FACEBOOK** While many Facebook users may be secretly surfing the social networking site on the job, many Canadians say they are willing to let their employer look at their profiles, said a study out yesterday. REUTERS


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# world



Claude Monet's 1873 "Le Pont du chemin de fer a Argenteuil," left, described by Christie's auction house as "one of the greatest Impressionist pictures left in private hands," sold for $41.48 million US in New York beating the previous record for the artist's work of $36.56 million. REUTERS

# Myanmar aid trickling in

## First UN relief flights arrive in devastated nation



REUTERS PHOTO

Children sit amidst the debris of their destroyed homes southwest of Yangon yesterday.

The first United Nations relief flights started to arrive late yesterday for cyclone victims in military-ruled Myanmar as a U.S. diplomat said that more than 100,000 people may have been killed.

The cyclone slammed into coastal towns and villages in the rice-growing Irrawaddy delta southwest of Yangon on Saturday, the most devastating storm to hit Asia since 1991, when 143,000 people were killed in neighbouring Bangladesh.

Witnesses reported that villages were destroyed and people fought for survival by clutching trees as the storm brought walls of water charging inland from the sea.

Aid has been trickling in from other Asian nations, although frustrated governments and relief agencies are putting increasing pressure on Myanmar's reclusive military rulers to throw their borders wide open to as much help as possible.

Thailand, Japan, India, China, Singapore and Indonesia were all flying in assistance.

"The first plane has arrived with food supplies and three other flights were scheduled this morning," said Paul Risley, spokesman for the UN World Food Programme in Bangkok.

Reports of cyclone damage in a country that used to be the world's largest rice exporter added to worries about tight global supplies of the grain.

Richard Horsey of the UN Office of the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs said in Bangkok that 5,000 square km of the delta were under water.

But the government insists it has enough reserves, although the the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization said damage to crops and stores in the delta rice bowl could mean that Myanmar will need short-term imports and miss its 2008 export targets.

At the United Nations in New York, John Holmes, UN undersecretary-general for humanitarian affairs, said four Asian aid workers who did not need visas would get in but other UN aid workers were still waiting for travel permits. REUTERS

# Clinton loaned own campaign $6.4M

Barack Obama took a commanding lead in the Democratic presidential race yesterday, but Hillary Clinton vowed to fight on after it was revealed she had loaned her campaign $6.4 million in recent weeks.

Obama's big win in North Carolina and Clinton's slim victory in Indiana widened his advantage in their battle for the right to face Republican John McCain in the November presidential election with just six contests remaining. The results left the cash-strapped Clinton campaign with little chance to halt Obama's march to the nomination. But the New York senator brushed off calls to drop out of the race.

"I'm staying in this race until there is a nominee," Clinton told reporters after a campaign rally in Shepherdstown, West Virginia, which holds a primary Tuesday.

Clinton put $5 million of her own money into her campaign in April and $1.4 million over the past week, aides said. REUTERS

# Auction **Million-dollar gem**



DENIS BALIBOUSE/REUTERS

A model displays a 202.82 carat sapphire pendant during a preview at Sotheby's auction house in Geneva yesterday. The pendant, created by Cartier in 1951 for the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, is expected to reach between $1,100,000 and $1,500,000 during an auction sale in Geneva May 15.

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## In Brief

» **MEETING** More than three dozen Nobel Prize winners will meet behind closed doors and "fortress-like" security next month in the ancient Jordanian city of Petra to discuss solutions to the world's problems, including the food crisis affecting many nations.
REUTERS

# Battles paralyze Lebanese capital

Supporters of Lebanon's U.S.-backed government fought battles in Beirut yesterday with gunmen loyal to the Hezbollah-led opposition, escalating the worst internal crisis since the 1975-90 civil war.

Followers of the Iran-backed Hezbollah paralyzed the capital and cut routes to its sea and air ports by blocking roads with blazing tires, old cars, heaps of earth and concrete blocks.

An opposition source said the protest campaign would continue until the government rescinded decisions affecting Hezbollah, including a move to take steps against a telecommunications network operated by the group.

Hezbollah, a Shiite Muslim group backed by Syria and Iran, has led a 17-month-long political campaign against Prime Minister Fouad Siniora's anti-Syrian cabinet. Friction has already led to bouts of lethal violence. REUTERS

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**Norbu Zhamdu, left, lights the Olympic torch of the first torchbearer at the top of the 8,848-metre summit of the world's highest mountain, Mount Everest, in Tibet Autonomous Region yesterday.**

# Flame reaches top

## Olympic torch lit at Everest summit

The Olympic torch was lit at the top of Mount Everest late yesterday, the crowning moment of the Beijing Games torch relay which had been dogged by anti-Chinese protests on its world tour.

Three months to the day before the Games open, members of a 31-strong team reached the top of the 8,848-metre peak carrying the Olympic flame in a lantern before lighting the torch.

Weather had delayed the ascent for days.

Security around the world's highest mountain, which sits astride the border of the Chinese region of Tibet and Nepal, was tight as China sought to prevent any demonstrations marring the spectacle.

The climbing team, which included 22 Tibetans, eight Han Chinese and one man from the Tujia minority, had been on the mountain for more than a week preparing the route along the north-east ridge. Two days of snow at the weekend destroyed some of the roped paths and camps but by yesterday the penultimate camp at 7,790 metres was renovated and the climbers, also including three women, braced for the final push.

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# Security costs hurting car market

## Border delays a misallocation of resources: Minister

Chinese and Indian cars will soon hit the North American market and will have a price advantage, partly because security-related costs add to the price of North American vehicles, Industry Minister Jim Prentice said yesterday.

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» Prentice said the money and resources spent investigating legitimate travel should instead target areas of highest risks, while lowering barriers and improving border infrastructure to make trade move faster.

Prentice said the costs and delays involved in North American automobile parts travelling back and forth across the U.S.-Canadian border on their way to final assembly add several hundred dollars to the price of a North American vehicle.

Speaking at a conference in Washington, Prentice said of the delays, "Not only do we hamper the legitimate trade and travel that provide the foundation for North American prosperity, but we are also clearly misallocating resources." REUTERS

## »news In Brief

» **BCE** Profit at BCE Inc., the Canadian telecom giant that is being taken private in a $34.8 billion buyout, was hit by one-time charges in the first quarter and fell sharply, even though the company had a substantial increase in wireless subscribers. BCE said it earned $258 million in the quarter, down from a profit of $499 million a year earlier. REUTERS

## THE DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

**Gammon's 1st quarter shines:** Gammon Gold Inc. announced yesterday its first quarter unaudited financial results for Q1 2008. Total production was 33,099 gold ounces and 1,310,971 silver ounces, or 57,946 gold equivalent ounces. Revenue from mining operations of $51.4 million compared to $43.5 million in Q1 2007 and $39.7 million in Q4 2007 reflected an average quarterly gold selling price of $928 per ounce and silver selling price of $17.69 per ounce. Cash flow from operations was a positive $14.6 million, as compared to negative cash flow from operations of $9.3 million Q1 2007 and positive cash flow from operations of $2.7 million in Q4 2007, representing a 440% improvement over Q4 2007.

**Condo preferences in poll:** Haligonians' pricing preferences for condominiums are well-matched to the local market, according to the 2008 TD Canada Trust Condo Poll. Just over half (52%) say they will pay no more than $200,000 for a two-bedroom condo. Another 41% will pay between $200,000 and $400,000. This compares with a total of 28% in six major Canadian cities who want to pay less than $200,000 and 52% who would pay between $200,000 and $400,000. In the first three months of 2008, the average price of a standard two-bedroom condominium in Halifax was $152,000, or 5.6% higher than the same period in 2007. On a nationwide basis, the average price was $240,423, or 6.9% higher than the same period in 2007.

**NSLC cancels renovations:** The Nova Scotia Liquor Corp. has cancelled major renovations to four of its Halifax locations, citing prices that were well over budget. The high price of renovations is due in part to a new store design and the NSLC's need to incorporate environmentally friendly elements into its design, according to the liquor outlet. The NSLC said it would re-tender the jobs, but would not give specifics. The proposed renovation contracts ranged from between $1.28 million to $2 million.

**$41M needed to close landfills:** The Cape Breton Regional Municipality is facing a whopping new estimate of $41 million to close old landfills that have been sitting idle for more than 20 years. CAO Jerry Ryan said Tuesday the regional municipality simply does not have the money to pay for the closures and that at least some of the dollars will have to come from other levels of government. Former landfills that must be properly closed include the Woodbine site in Caribou Marsh, sites on Tobin Road, Butt Street, Shore Road, Vickers Lane and Church Street in Sydney Mines, North Sydney landfill, the regional municipality's portion of a Louisbourg landfill and former sites for Dominion and New Waterford.

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# sports



Former Halifax Mooseheads goaltender Pascal Leclaire, left, will start in goal for Canada against Norway today at 4:30 p.m. at the Metro Centre as the qualification round of the IIHF World Championship gets underway. METRO HALIFAX

## SCOREBOARD

### IIHF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

**GROUP A**

| | GP | W | L | OW | OL | GF | GA | PTS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| x-Switzerland | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 4 | 9 |
| x-Sweden | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 9 | 6 |
| x-Belarus | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 9 | 3 |
| France | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 16 | 0 |

**GROUP B**

| | GP | W | L | OW | OL | GF | GA | PTS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **X-CANADA** | **3** | **3** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **17** | **5** | **9** |
| x-U.S. | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 6 | 6 |
| x-Latvia | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 11 | 3 |
| Slovenia | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 13 | 0 |

**GROUP C**

| | GP | W | L | OW | OL | GF | GA | PTS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| x-Finland | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 5 | 8 |
| x-Norway | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 10 | 4 |
| x-Germany | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 10 | 3 |
| Slovakia | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 3 |

**GROUP D**

| | GP | W | L | OW | OL | GF | GA | PTS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| X-Russia | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 16 | 6 | 8 |
| X-Czech Rep. | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 16 | 9 | 7 |
| X-Denmark | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 11 | 3 |
| Italy | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 20 | 0 |

**QUALIFYING GROUPS**

**GROUP E**

| | GP | W | L | OW | OL | GF | GA | PTS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Switzerland | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 6 |
| Russia | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 5 | 5 |
| Czech Rep. | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 7 | 4 |
| Sweden | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 9 | 3 |
| Belarus | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 8 | 0 |
| Denmark | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 9 | 0 |

**GROUP F**

| | GP | W | L | OW | OL | GF | GA | PTS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **CANADA** | **3** | **2** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **12** | **4** | **6** |
| Finland | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 3 | 5 |
| Norway | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 4 |
| U.S. | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 5 | 3 |
| Germany | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 0 |
| Latvia | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 |

(Three points are given for a win, two for an overtime win and one for an overtime loss)
(X – reached qualifying round)

**YESTERDAY'S RESULTS**

**AT HALIFAX**
Finland 3 Slovakia 2
Norway 3 Germany 2
**AT QUEBEC CITY**
Switzerland 4 Sweden 2
Belarus 3 France 1
(End of preliminary round)

**TODAY'S GAMES**

**AT HALIFAX**
**CANADA** vs. Norway, 4:30
U.S. vs. Germany, 8:15
**AT QUEBEC CITY**
Denmark vs. Sweden, 4
Switzerland vs. Czech Republic, 8

**TOMORROW'S GAMES**

**AT HALIFAX**
Finland vs. Latvia, 12:30
**AT QUEBEC CITY**
Russia vs. Belarus, 2

**SCORING LEADERS**

| | GP | G | A | P |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Heatley, Cda** | **3** | **6** | **4** | **10** |
| Vrbata, Cze | 3 | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| **Nash, Cda** | **3** | **2** | **4** | **6** |
| Warg, Swe | 3 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| **Getzlaf, Cda** | **3** | **0** | **6** | **6** |
| Kaberle, Cze | 3 | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| Elias, Cze | 3 | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| Morozov, Rus | 3 | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| M. Koivu, Fin | 3 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Brown, US | 3 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Kane, US | 3 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Kolnik, Svk | 3 | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| Kovalchuk, Rus | 3 | 0 | 5 | 5 |

# Roy showing his versatility

## Sabres star fills key roles for Canada

By **MATTHEW WUEST**
Metro Halifax

Derek Roy has been something of a nomad on Team Canada, but he may have finally found a permanent home.

The 25-year-old Buffalo Sabres forward has been promoted to one of Canada's scoring lines with centre Eric Staal and winger Martin St. Louis for today's 4:30 p.m. game against Norway at the IIHF world championship at the Metro Centre.

Roy, a natural centre, has showcased impressive versatility through three games, shuffling through the lineup as a scoring-line winger, checking-line centre and 13th forward.

"I knew my role at the start of the tournament — I'm going to play everywhere, in all types of situations," said Roy, who has a goal, an assist and plays more than 12 minutes per game.

"I'm taking on that role, and I'm enjoying it. I'm enjoying playing with great players, and the adjustment's fun."



PAUL DARROW/REUTERS

Team Canada's Derek Roy takes a break with goaltender Cam Ward during their practice yesterday ahead of a game today against Norway at the world hockey championships in Halifax.

Staal and St. Louis skated with Jason Spezza for most of the tournament, but the line didn't click. Spezza and Staal, natural centres, kept getting their wires crossed.

Roy will play the left side with Staal at centre. Spezza will play his natural position on the fourth line with Patrick Sharp.

The adjustment shouldn't be overly difficult for Roy, considering his previous linemates included Shane Doan and Jonathan Toews, top-liners on their respective NHL teams.

"That's the third line, but it's a first line on most NHL teams," he said. "I just have to keep playing my game, getting down low, getting the puck to the net and getting into scoring areas."

The 5-foot-9, 188-pound native of Ottawa had a breakthrough year after Sabres stars Daniel Briere and Chris Drury landed big-money free-agent contracts and left town.

Roy struggled early on, but finished the season with 51 points in 38 games for a 32-goal, 81-point career campaign.

"You were playing third-line minutes behind two NHL stars and now you've got to step into the light and produce," Roy said. "It takes a while to get into the mindframe where, 'I am that guy who needs to produce every night.'"

That mindset will serve him well as Canada continues its search for offence from someone not named Dany Heatley.

"Eric's a big guy who moves the puck and skates well; Marty's quick and makes plays around the net," he said. "As long as we work hard and stay on the same page, we'll be fine."

» For more coverage of the world championship, visit Matthew Wuest's blog at *www.metronews.ca/halifax*.

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# Spezza fine with 'demotion' to fourth line

## Team Canada centre keeps his good attitude

By **MATTHEW WUEST**
Metro Halifax

Ottawa Senators centre Jason Spezza still had his usual sense of humour after finding out he'd been assigned to fourth-line duty with Canada at the IIHF World Championship.

"Grindin' it out," he told reporters with his trademark giggle, "That's the strength of my game."



Spezza

The skilled 24-year-old is taking the glass-half-full approach to a move that head coach Ken Hitchcock refused to categorize as a demotion. Spezza initially skated on a scoring line with Eric Staal, but the two couldn't find any chemistry.

Now, they're centring their own lines, with 36-goal-scorer Patrick Sharp on Spezza's wing and what Hitchcock called a "four-man rotation" working the opposite side.

"It's tough to come to these things where everybody's a centre," Spezza said. "This is a good solution to get me and Staalsy in our regular positions and hopefully spark something."

Canada's top line of Dany Heatley, Ryan Getzlaf and Rick Nash has been scoring at will, and the checking line of Chris Kunitz, Shane Doan and Jonathan Toews is working well.

It's the other two lines Hitchcock is worried about.

"We have a one and a three, and we'd like to have a one, a two and two threes," Hitchcock said. "We don't want to have a fourth line. It doesn't work that way (at the worlds)."

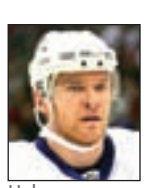



# Team USA loses captain Halpern

## Lightning centre badly injures knee

Tampa Bay centre Jeff Halpern suffered a complete rupture of the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee in Team USA's loss to Canada on Tuesday at the world hockey championships, Lightning executive vice-president and general manager Jay Feaster announced yesterday.

The captain of the USA squad, Halpern was hurt in the third period of the 5-4 loss and is done for the remainder of the event.



Halpern

Halpern will undergo surgery in the next four-to-six weeks and his recovery time is expected to be five-to-six months.

» The U.S. has also lost goalie Tim Thomas to a groin problem … Team USA added Colorado Avalanche blue-liner Jordan Leopold and New York Rangers forward Brandon Dubinsky.

» Team Germany defenceman Jason Holland is ineligible to continue playing in the championships and has been sent home. He has only played in Germany for three seasons and needed to play four to be eligible. METRO NEWS SERVICES



Toronto native Joey Votto, right, clubbed three homers to tie a Reds record, as the Cincinnati cruised to a 9-0 victory over the Chicago Cubs yesterday in the rubber match of a three-game series. The Reds hit a total of seven homers in the game. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Norway to face Canada

## Key victory over Germany helps team advance

By **MATTHEW WUEST**
Metro Halifax



PAUL DARROW/REUTERS

**Finland's Tuomo Ruutu gets past Slovakia goalie Peter Dudaj to score his team's second goal in the first period yesterday at the world hockey championships in Halifax. Finland won 3-2 to take top spot in Group C.**

Norway earned a date with Canada and sent Slovakia to the relegation round at the IIHF world championship last night with a 3-2 victory over Germany at the Metro Centre.

Morten Ask score the winner on a two-man power play with just 4:07 remaining to help Norway earn the final spot in the qualification round, which starts today.

Canada plays Norway at 4:30 p.m., while the United States will face off against Germany at 8:15 p.m.

Mats Zuccarello Aasen and Marius Holtet scored Norway's other goals, and defenceman Mats Trygg added three assists. Goaltender Pal Grotnes needed only 19 saves for the win.

Attendance was 7,414.

Slovakia missed a chance at the qualification round earlier in the day when it lost 3-2 to Finland. Up next for the Slovakians is a three-game relegation series with Slovenia.

Canada is now set up to face Germany on Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and Finland on Monday at 4:30 p.m.

Unbeaten Finland earned the win over Slovakia before a crowd of 7,262 with goals from Teemu Selanne, Tuomo Ruutu and Niko Kapanen. Nicklas Backstrom stopped 37 shots.

Finland, which won silver last year, has been squeaking past opponents so far, but will get a boost with Montreal Canadiens captain Saku Koivu set to join the team.

At Quebec City, Switzerland stunned Sweden with a 4-2 victory, while Belarus beat France 3-1.

Switzerland and Russia finished unbeaten in Quebec City, while France and Italy are headed to the relegation round.

» The IIHF rejected a request from the World Anti-Doping Agency to suspend German forward Florian Busch.

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# Maurice gets axe as Leafs' bench boss

## Team completes housecleaning



**Paul Maurice ended with a 76-66-22 record as the coach of the Toronto Maple Leafs.**

The Toronto Maple Leafs fired head coach Paul Maurice yesterday after he failed to lead the team into the playoffs during his two seasons behind the bench.

Maurice, 41, who still had one year left on a three-year contract, was named coach in 2006. His dismissal follows the firing of general manager John Ferguson in January.

"What this does now is pave the way for when a new management team is in place to bring in a new coaching staff with them," interim general manager Cliff Fletcher said at a press conference.

Maurice, a former coaching wunderkind who landed his first NHL head coaching job at 28, had been counted on to bring the Leafs back to the Stanley Cup playoffs after they missed the post-season in 2005-06 under former coach Pat Quinn.

Previously a minor-league coach in the Leafs system, Maurice had been seen as someone who could help the team's younger players improve rapidly.

But the team's uneven performance, due to bad trades, questionable free agent signings and the slow improvement of some of the team's young players, led to Ferguson's dismissal and made it seem Maurice's days were numbered.

The team also fired assistant coach Randy Ladoucer, while assistant coach Dallas Eakins has been offered a position elsewhere in the organization. REUTERS

## QMJHL

### Olympiques inch closer to Mem Cup

**PLAYOFFS** The Gatineau Olympiques inched closer to a Memorial Cup berth last night with a 4-1 win over Rouyn-Noranda.

Paul Byron had a goal and two helpers for the Olympiques, who now lead the best-of-seven Quebec Major Junior Hockey League final 3-1.

Game 5 is tomorrow at Rouyn-Noranda.

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## »sports In Brief

» **SOCCER** Derek Gaudet of Bayside has been named to Canada's under-20 soccer team. Gaudet, a midfielder, will join the squad for a friendly against Argentina on Sunday. The team is preparing for the 2009 FIFA under-20 World Cup in Egypt. METRO HALIFAX

## SCOREBOARD

### QMJHL PLAYOFFS

**CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES**
**ROUYN-NORANDA VS. GATINEAU**
Game 4 — Last night
Gatineau 4 Rouyn-Noranda 1
Game 5 — Tomorrow
Gatineau at Rouyn-Noranda, 8:30
*Game 6 — Sunday
Rouyn-Noranda at Gatineau, 5
*Game 7 — Tuesday
Gatineau at Rouyn-Noranda, 8:30
(Gatineau lead series 3-1)
(* — if necessary)

### NHL

**CONFERENCE FINALS**
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**
**PHILADELPHIA VS. PITTSBURGH**
Game 1 — Tomorrow
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 8:30
Game 2 — Sunday
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 8:30
Game 3 — Tuesday
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 8:30
Game 4 — Thursday, May 15
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 8:30
*Game 5 — Sunday, May 18
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 4
*Game 6 — Tuesday, May 20
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 8:30
*Game 7 — Thursday, May 22
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 8:30
**WESTERN CONFERENCE**
**DALLAS VS. DETROIT**
Game 1 — Tonight
Dallas at Detroit, 8:30
Game 2 — Saturday
Dallas at Detroit, 8
Game 3 — Monday
Detroit at Dallas, 9
Game 4 — Wednesday
Detroit at Dallas, 9
*Game 5 — Saturday, May 17
Dallas at Detroit, 2:30
*Game 6 — Monday, May 19
Detroit at Dallas, 9
*Game 7 — Wednesday, May 21
Dallas at Detroit, 8:30
(* – if necessary)

### NBA

**CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS**
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**
**BOSTON VS. CLEVELAND**
Game 2 — Tonight
Cleveland at Boston, 8
Game 3 — Saturday
Boston at Cleveland, 9
Game 4 — Monday
Boston at Cleveland, 9
*Game 5 — Wednesday
Cleveland at Boston, TBA
*Game 6 — Friday, May 16
Boston at Cleveland, TBA
*Game 7 — Sunday, May 18
Cleveland at Boston, TBA
(Boston leads series 1-0)
**DETROIT VS. ORLANDO**
Game 3 — Last night
Orlando 111 Detroit 86
Game 4 — Saturday
Detroit at Orlando, 6
*Game 5 — Tuesday
Orlando at Detroit, TBA
*Game 6 — Thursday, May 15
Detroit at Orlando, TBA
*Game 7 — Sunday, May 18
Orlando at Detroit, TBA
(Detroit leads series 2-1)
**WESTERN CONFERENCE**
**L.A. LAKERS VS. UTAH**
Game 2 — Last night
Utah at L.A. Lakers
Game 3 — Tomorrow
L.A. Lakers at Utah, 10
Game 4 — Sunday
L.A. Lakers at Utah, 4:30
Game 5 — Wednesday
Utah at L.A. Lakers, TBA
Game 6 — Friday, May 16
L.A. Lakers at Utah, TBA
Game 7 — Monday, May 19
Utah at L.A. Lakers, TBA
(L.A. Lakers lead series 1-0)
**NEW ORLEANS VS. SAN ANTONIO**
Game 3 — Tonight
New Orleans at San Antonio, 10:30
Game 4 — Sunday
New Orleans at San Antonio, 9
Game 4 — Sunday
New Orleans at San Antonio, 8
Game 5 — Tuesday, May 13
San Antonio at New Orleans, TBA
Game 6 — Thursday, May 15
New Orleans at San Antonio, TBA
Game 7 — Monday, May 19
San Antonio at New Orleans, TBA
(New Orleans leads series 2-0)
(* – if necessary)

### MLB

**YESTERDAY'S RESULTS**
**AMERICAN LEAGUE**
Toronto 6 Tampa Bay 2
Oakland 6 Baltimore 5 (10 ings)
Detroit 10 Boston 9
Cleveland 3 N.Y. Yankees 0
Kansas City 9 L.A. Angels 4
Minnesota at Chicago W. Sox
Texas at Seattle
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Minnesota at Chicago W. Sox, 3:05
Boston at Detroit, 8:05
Tampa Bay at Toronto, 8:07
Baltimore at Kansas City, 9:10
Texas at Seattle, 11:10
**NATIONAL LEAGUE**
San Francisco at Pittsburgh, 1:35
San Diego at Atlanta, 2
St. Louis at Colorado, 4:05
Philadelphia at Arizona, 4:40
Milwaukee at Florida, 8:10
Washington at Houston, 9:05

### LOTTERIES

Lotto 6/49 — 13, 22, 29, 33, 46 & 49. Bonus 18. Results not official



The Indiana Pacers promoted David Morway from senior vice-president of basketball operations to general manager yesterday. The move comes just over a month after former chief executive Donnie Walsh departed to join the New York Knicks. METRO NEWS SERVICES

## »sports In Brief

» **TENNIS** Rafael Nadal's bid to win a fourth straight Rome Masters title stumbled at the first hurdle when the Spaniard lost 7-5, 6-1 to compatriot Juan Carlos Ferrero yesterday and then blamed a foot injury for his defeat. It is only the second time in his last 104 games that world No. 2 Nadal has lost on clay.

» **MLB** Shaun Marcum took a one-hitter into the ninth inning, and Scott Rolen sparked a late rally with a two-run homer, as the Blue Jays downed the Tampa Bay Rays 6-2 last night in Toronto. Marcum was one out from completing the one-hit shutout, but ended up surrendering two runs on four hits in 8 2/3 frames, with nine strikeouts.

» **MLB** The St. Louis Cardinals announced yesterday that pitcher Mark Mulder has been diagnosed with a mild rotator cuff strain in his left shoulder, and he will take a week to 10 days off from his rehabilitation assignment. The 30-year-old left-hander is struggling to recover his form after shoulder surgeries in 2006 and 2007.

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# Halifax will likely have to wait for NBADL team

## President likes city, but Rainmen may not get OK by fall

By **MATTHEW WUEST**
Metro Halifax

If the Halifax Rainmen get into the NBA Development League, it's unlikely it will happen in time for the 2008-09 season.

D-League president Dan Reed visited Halifax yesterday to assess the Rainmen as a potential expansion franchise, and addressed media briefly at Province House in the afternoon

"We are looking expansion-wise for the 2009-10 season at this point," Reed said. "We're pretty comfortable with the 16 teams we have currently (for 2008-09). We've doubled in the last three years so we don't want to expand too aggressively."

Reed said it would be "very difficult" to get a deal done by the fall, which is what the Rainmen would prefer.


Reed

The Rainmen, who dropped out of the American Basketball Association in March after just one season, submitted a proposal last week to Reed to join the D-League.

Rainmen owner Andre Levingston, who took Reed on a tour of the city, said he doesn't "want to go dark for a year."

"We're talking through some things and seeing what we can put together to satisfy our city and fans," he said.

After a few hours in town, Reed said he had "as good of a feeling as you can get" for a city upon first impressions.

His biggest concern about putting a team in Halifax is geographic location. The NBADL is located primarily in the western U.S., and Halifax is an average distance of 4,386 kilometres from the league's 16 cities. The closest team is an expansion franchise in Erie, Pa., almost 2,000 kilometres away.

"Our feeling in expanding to the northeast is that we'd need to have enough teams that are close to each other geographically," Reed explained. "The bus ride is the rule of thumb we use so that the travel costs remain reasonable."

Erie, he was quick to point out, "is more than a bus ride away."

Working in Halifax's favour is the fact it could provide a more nearby minor-league alternative for NBA teams such as the Boston Celtics, Toronto Raptors and New York Knicks.

Reed also said the amount of interest from cities wanting to join the D-League is at an "all-time high." Portland, Me., and Harlem, N.Y., are among those believed to be in the mix, which would help ease concerns about Halifax's location.

"We're trying to find the right markets with the right arenas and the right owners to continue to grow what has already been a very successful league so far," Reed said.

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**NBA**

## Knight resigns as GM of Hawks

**JOBS** Atlanta Hawks general manager Billy Knight submitted his resignation yesterday just days after his club lost to the heavily favoured Boston Celtics in the seventh game of the East quarter-finals.

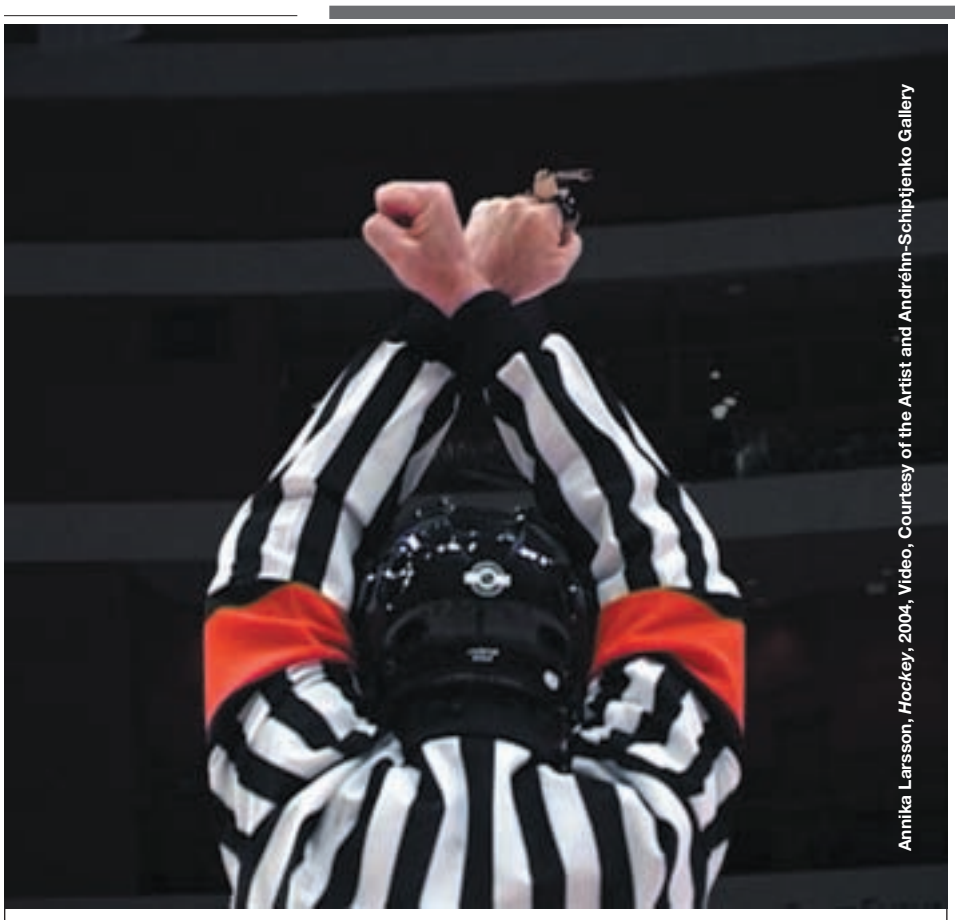
Knight, 55, will step down on July 1 after six seasons with the Hawks.

**NBA**

## Hawks' Williams gets 1-game ban

**PUNISHMENT** Atlanta Hawks forward Marvin Williams was suspended for one game yesterday for committing a flagrant foul on Boston Celtics guard Rajon Rondo in Sunday's Game 7 of their first-round playoff series.

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# Magic cut into Pistons lead

## Lewis nets 33 to pace Orlando

**MAGIC 111 PISTONS 86**

Rashard Lewis scored a career playoff-high 33 points, and the Orlando Magic took advantage of an injury to Chauncey Billups to pull away and beat the Detroit Pistons 111-86 last night in Game 3 of their NBA Eastern Conference semifinal series.

Dwight Howard added 20 points, 12 rebounds and six blocked shots for the Magic, who sliced Detroit's lead in the best-of-seven set to 2-1. Jameer Nelson and Hedo Turkoglu both scored 18, while Keyon Dooling had all 10 of his points in the final quarter.

Lewis went 11-of-15 from the field, including 5-of-6 from three-point range.

Billups suffered a strained right hamstring in the first quarter and didn't return.

On Monday, a clock malfunction played a part in Detroit's 100-93 victory, as Billups hit a controversial three-pointer at the end of the third quarter. However, in Game 3 Billups was on the court for less than four minutes and the Pistons had a nine-game post-season win streak over the Magic broken.


KEVIN KOLCZYNSKI/REUTERS

**Orlando Magic forward Hedo Turkoglu takes the ball to the hoop past Detroit Pistons forwards Theo Ratliff, left, and Walter Herrmann during Game 3 of their NBA Eastern Conference playoff series last night. Orlando beat Detroit 111-86.**

Richard Hamilton scored 24 to lead the Pistons, who also got 22 from Tayshaun Prince and 19 from Rodney Stuckey.

Game 4 is Saturday in Orlando. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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# MOTHER'S Day

Thursday, May 8, 2008

# Give green

There are plenty of options for the eco-conscious mom



Eco-handbags by sparrow (made of organic cotton hemp, non-toxic dyes, and recycled tetraboxes). Available in black set on white, grey, berry or blue, $93, available at *greengirls.ca*.



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Garden Mum gift (contains LUSH's new Lily Savon soap and Lemony Flutter cuticle butter), $18.95, available at *www.lush.ca* or by calling 1-888-733-5874.



Algreen Manhattan Deck or Balcony urban pond, $110, available at Home Depot, *www.homedepot.ca*.




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Ruffle skirt by Precocious (made of recycled bedlinens), $89, available at *greengirls.ca*.



Shoes by El Naturalista (made using vegetable extracts for dyeing and recycled rubber soles), $199 (black) and $189 (red). For store locations, visit *www.elnaturalista.ca*.

# Gift ideas for the tech-savvy mom



Belkin Washable Mouse, $29.99 US, available at *www.belkin.com*.



Nintendo DS Lite Coral Pink, $129.99, available at *www.amazon.ca*. Also comes in new Coral and Black, $139.99.



Motopure H12 headset, $119.95, available at Bell Mobility, Rogers, Telus stores and major retailers.



Moto Q 9h, featuring a QWERTY keyboard for easy e-mail/web surfing on the go, $274.99 with a three-year term with Rogers Wireless; $275 with surfing option and a three-year Fido agreement.



Floral Fashion Laptop Case by Targus (comes in brown, white and black), $99.99. Available at Staples, Office Depot, London Drugs and online at *www.targus.com/ca*.



Bound family tree by Ancestry.ca, $34.99-$200+, depending on size. Available at *ancestry.ca*.



HP Photosmart A626 Comapact Photo Printer, $149.99, available at *www.hp.com* or 1-877-231-4351.




Family Tree Maker 2008 Essentials, $29.99, available at *www.amazon.ca*.




# Think pink

Sales of these items benefit the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation



Artistic Jewellery (Martin Ross), available at independent retailers across the country, $20 each. For more, visit *www.cbcf.org*.






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# No need to be wary of fluorescents

## Greenish glow and annoying flickers are now things of past

We've all heard about the conservation benefits of using fluorescent lights — you can cut your lighting costs by more than half by using them.

They are far more efficient producers of light, and they have a life span of six to 10 times the life of the average incandescent lamp, so consumers save money by buying fewer lights over time. So why do some people remain leery of using them?



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The design team has heard it often enough — many people have a notion that fluorescent light fixtures cast a greenish yellow glow that is most unattractive. And there was some truth to this many years ago. Luckily, those days are gone.

The technology of fluorescent lighting has developed enormously since then. The quality of light has improved, thanks to advances that allow more natural light to be produced.

Fluorescent lighting now comes in at least two types — a warm white which mimics the warm yellowish glow of incandescent lights, and a cool white, which casts a whiter light with more blue tones in it. Warm whites are often used in homes, as people are used to that inviting tone of light. Cool whites, on the other hand, cast a whiter "daylight" colour with more blue and green in it. These tend to be used in offices, or in a contemporary or modern loft setting.

Not only that, the annoying flicker that was associated with fluorescent lighting is also a thing of the past, and this is because the ballast system that is necessary in fluorescent lighting has improved as well.

Another benefit is that fluorescent lighting by its very nature does not produce as much heat as incandescent bulbs — they generate a whopping 70 per cent less heat than incandescent bulbs. And fluorescent bulbs and lamps now come in a wide range of sizes, shapes and wattages to fit many light fixtures.

For example, Sylvania lights comes in 50 to 60 types of fluorescent bulbs, from compact twist or mini-twist bulbs, to chandelier bulbs of various types, globe, reflector, and of course, long narrow lamps.

Do remember that it is important to buy good-quality fluorescent lights — the cheapest ones will not give you good service. (To be sure you're getting a good-quality bulb, look for the energy star rating— a government-backed program.)

Good quality bulbs will also have the benefit of reducing the levels of mercury and lead used in these lights. Normally, there is no release of mercury in your home through regular use — it would only happen if the lamp is broken.

And even then, the amount from a single bulb is very small, and would only become a health hazard at a disposal site, if a large number of lamps are disposed improperly.

The good news for the home owner is that retailers such as Home Depot and IKEA accept fluorescent bulbs for recycling, so you can dispose of heavy metals properly.

**Fluorescent bulbs have come a long way in recent years. Shown here are just some of the shapes and sizes on offer from Sylvania; *www.sylvania.com*.**



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# Mementoes eat up valuable time, space

## Don't feel you must hang on to every keepsake



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What would the perfect gift be for Mother's Day this year? Another lovely card, some flowers, perfume, or maybe a personally homemade craft?

Of course, we want to find a way to thank mom for all the many things she does for us. And once Mother's Day is over, she's usually left with gifts, photos and — as with other special occasions — mementoes of one kind or another that mom feels she ought to hang onto.

Why are we compelled to keep stashes of such treasures. Well, when it comes to mothers, I often think they end up holding on to so many mementoes because they want to have something to show for all the time effort and energy they have put into their family.

For example, a macaroni necklace might be one of the many items stashed in your sentimental bin. Yes, it brings back valuable memories. But at some point, years' worth of mementos must be dealt with, because you're simply running out of storage space.

An additional complication is that mothers — who are frequently strapped for time to begin with — feel pressure to store all those mementos for scrapbooking purposes.

Scrapbooking is like duplication to me. You have to creatively capture an event or moment that you already experienced. My goodness, who has the time?

So unfortunately, moms rarely get around to the project. I find the unfinished scrapbooking project always seems to be at the bottom of moms' to-do lists. I also know that never-ending projects are self-defeating.

So mothers, give yourself a break! Don't create unnecessary projects you don't have time for. One client I worked with revamped her scrapbooking plans and created a piece of art. She picked her favourite keepsakes and created a 10x8 framed collage. Then she took digital pictures of some of her children's works of art, and recycled nearly all the 15 bins she'd been storing for five years. She loved what she'd made and feels good every time she looks at the finished project. No regrets or guilt.

Brenda Borenstein is your professional organizing guru. Look for her column every second Thursday. For more, visit www.organizedzone.com or call 416-665-2165. "There is nothing I haven't seen and nothing that can't be overcome."

# food



Hand-picked only in early spring from the tea buds before the tea leaf blossoms, white tea is named for the silver fuzz appearing on the buds. Tea leaves destined to be white tea undergo little processing and no fermentation. NEWS CANADA

## Mother's Day Pancakes with Cranberry Topping



**INGREDIENTS:**
3 eggs
2 cups (500 mL) skim milk
1/4 cup (50 mL) granulated sugar
2 tbsp (30 mL) vegetable oil
2 cups (500 mL) whole wheat flour
4 tsp (20 mL) baking powder
1/2 tsp (2 mL) salt
2 cups (500 mL) Ocean Spray® Fresh or Frozen Cranberries
1 cup (250 mL) chopped fresh mango
3/4 cup (175 mL) Ocean Spray® 100 % Juice Blend: Cranberry & Mixed Berry
2 tsp (10 mL) cornstarch
1/2 cup (125 mL) maple syrup

**METHOD:**
Combine eggs, milk, sugar, oil, flour, baking powder and salt in blender. Blend on low, until smooth. Cover and reserve in the refrigerator overnight. Gently stir batter before use.

Meanwhile, combine cranberries, mango, juice and cornstarch in a medium saucepan. Set over medium heat and bring to a boil, stirring often. Reduce the heat to low and simmer for five minutes or until sauce is thickened. Stir in the maple syrup. Reserve, covered, in the refrigerator overnight or for up to two days.

Cook pancakes for two minutes per side in a greased skillet set over medium heat. Serve pancakes topped with warmed cranberry topping.

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# Yummy gnocchi

## Wisecracker says coffee maker is like family to her

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**Debra DiGiovanni was voted as Canada's Best Female comedian at the 2007 Canadian Comedy Awards. Debra is part of the Girls Night Out cross Canada tour which begins May 11.**

**Q** What is your fondest memory from your family kitchen?

**A** We had this old round kitchen table, with those collapsible drop leaf sides, and every single meal one of those leaves would fall and a meal would land in someone's lap. For some reason, we never got rid of the table. In fact, it spent some time in one of my old apartments.

**Q** What kitchen aromas bring back fond memories?

**A** Muffins are very nostalgic. My mom is the muffin maker.

**Q** Who is your favourite cook?

**A** My cousin Christina is definitely my favourite cook. She has always loved to cook, even when we were kids. She was always making something delicious. Christina is also a wonderful baker and has made most of my family's wedding cakes.

**Q** How did the first meal you prepared turn out?

**A** I once made lasagna for a boyfriend's family and that night everyone was violently ill. Oddly, I was the only one unaffected ...

**Q** Do you use cookbooks?

**A** If I'm going to attempt cooking, I must! I enjoy following rules.

**Q** What is your favourite food to cook?

**A** I would say it's definitely cereal.

**Q** What kitchen gadget can you not live without?

**A** My coffee maker! It's like a family member. I love you coffee maker.

**Q** What traditions from your background involving food do you partake in?

**A** I still try to follow the family ritual of making Christmas cookies every year. Growing up, my sisters and I would decorate them with icing and usually, I ended up doing the most. I'm the best decorator.

**Q** Is there a cultural dish that you have at gatherings that ties into a holiday?

**A** Gnocchi. My dad makes it every year for Christmas Eve and it represents the holidays. It's excellent, especially cold the next day!



Comedian Debra DiGiovanni.

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## metro TOP 5IVE

### Food quotes:

1. "The poets have been mysteriously silent on the subject of cheese." (G.K. Chesterton)
2. "We are living in a world today where lemonade is made from artificial flavours and furniture polish is made from real lemons." (Alfred E. Newman)
3. "I will not eat oysters. I want my food dead — not sick, not wounded — dead." (Woody Allen, below)
4. "We load up on oat bran in the morning so we'll live forever. Then we spend the rest of the day living like there's no tomorrow." (Lee Iacocca)
5. "As for butter versus margarine, I trust cows more than chemists." (Joan Gussow)

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# entertainment



Actress Ellen Page, left, has signed up to play Jane Eyre in a new adaptation of the Charlotte Bronte novel. BBC NEWS ONLINE

# Art meets hockey

## Artist in residence mixes passions

By **DEAN LISK**
Metro Halifax



PHOTO BY DEAN LISK

**Darryl Sittler, right, holds a model of his likeness that artist Graeme Patterson, left, is creating for his new work, 10 Point Game.**

For a boy who grew up on the prairies, playing and watching hockey, it's understandably a slap-shot project.

"It's the best job in the world," says Graeme Patterson. "I am passionate about hockey, but I am passionate about art — so I get to do those two things at once."

The NSCAD University graduate — and current artist-in-resident at the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia — has teamed with hockey legend Darryl Sittler for his newest work.

Called 10 Point Game, the handcrafted piece is a hockey table that Patterson will film to recreate the Feb. 7, 1976, game where Sittler, a Toronto Maple Leaf, scored 10 points.

It still stands as an NHL record for most points scored during one game.

"I didn't know what the record was before," said Sittler, who was at the gallery yesterday to look at the piece. "I went into the end of the second period with seven points, and our statistician came down to the dressing room, and normally he wouldn't do that."

The record at the time was eight points, and was held by Maurice Richard.

"It was cool, I was a 26-year old," Sittler said. "I went out in the third period and got three more goals."

Patterson, who has made three hockey-themed works, was introduced to Sittler through a mutual friend in Toronto.

It was after meeting the icon that the artist came up with the idea to make 10 Point Game

Sittler said it was an honour for him to be asked, especially since he has seen Patterson's other work and appreciates the way he captures the essence of hockey.

"When this is finished, the people who come to the gallery will appreciate his skill and talent, and obviously the recognition and the importance of the game itself," Sittler says.

The AGNS will unveil a completed 10 Point Game at a later date.

# Urban, Wilson ready to Rock

By **DEAN LISK**
Metro Halifax



**Gretchen Wilson**

As Metro Halifax reported yesterday, Gretchen Wilson will be among the acts opening for Keith Urban at the Country Rocks 2008 concert on Halifax Common this summer.

Power Promotional Events' Harold MacKay confirmed yesterday he is bringing the singer to the city for the Aug. 30 event.

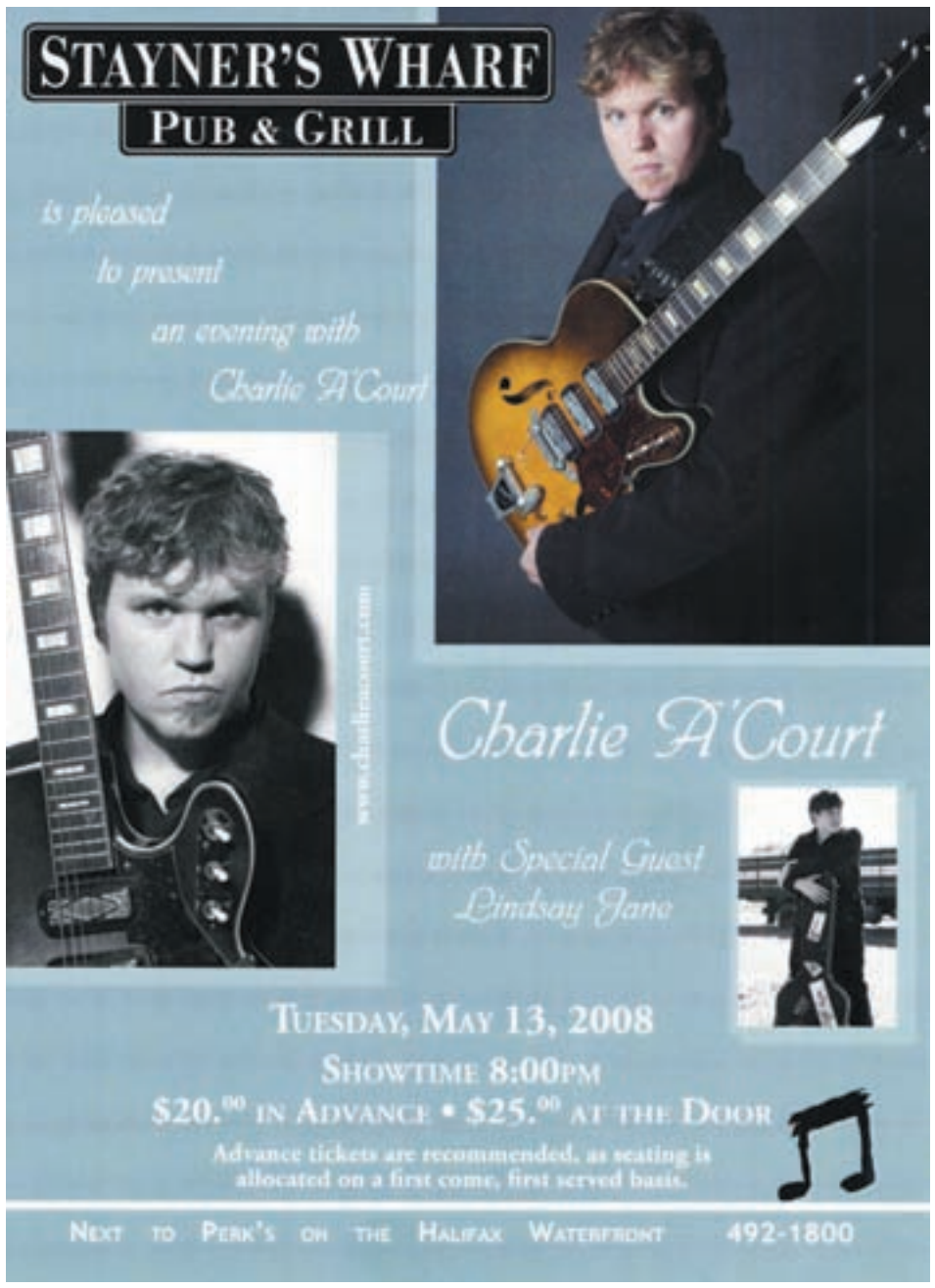
"I think it is tremendous, because Gretchen is a hard rocking lady," said MacKay.

"The whole theme is that we want this to be a country rock show, and she knows how to rock." Also added to the outdoor concert's roster yesterday were Great Big Sea, Jimmy Rankin, and local singer Marc Cameron. They join a list of performers for the 10 hour show that also includes Charlie Major, Johnny Reid, and Aaron Pritchett.

It was also announced there will be a special area for students at the back of the common, where large video monitors will be set up, and tickets will be offered at a reduced cost of $69.

Early bird tickets to the show are $89, with limited VIP seating at $219. Visit www.ticketatlantic.com or call 451-1221.





Woody Harrelson, right, and Samantha Morton have joined the cast of the road movie The Messenger. The film has been billed as a poignant, life-affirming drama. REUTERS



**ABOVE:** Shane MacDougall and Penny Sampson at the Halifax Alehouse for the Molson Give'R.



**ABOVE:** Jeremy Cowan stands behind Charmaine Cowan, from left, Ron Birmingham, and Tina Smith at the Exit Realty table for the Halifax Progress Club's Big Spring Auction.



**ABOVE:** Robert Lamb, left, Brenda Wilson, Steve MacNeil, Judy Hynes-MacNeil, Robb Wells, and Cheryl Ward enjoy Beer And Beethoven at the Cunard Centre.



**ABOVE:** Beatlemaniacs Terry Creaser and Cindy Ryan at Casino Nova Scotia for Classic Albums Live Abbey Road.



**ABOVE:** Metro Halifax Publisher Greg Lutes and Marketing Manager Christina Edwards at Halifax Progress Club's Big Spring Auction at the Westin Nova Scotian.



Ashley Gillis (back row from left), Danielle Pinkney, Sarah Pinkney, Cora Hadley, and Carolyn Pelham and Katie Tower (front row from left), Kyla Hoben, and Mary Porter celebrate the upcoming "Pinkney wedding" at the Halifax Alehouse.



**LEFT:** Rookie Molson Girl Sandi McLean with Jared Vienneau at the Halifax Alehouse.



**ABOVE:** Mike Stanford, left, Tim Connolly and Andrew Connolly in from Calgary to cheer for Team Canada in the IIHF World Championships.



**ABOVE:** Twila Avent, left, Amber Webster, and Melissa Bennett at the Molson Team Canada Tailgate Party.



**ABOVE:** Molson Girls Amanda MacDonald, left, Tracy Thompson, Kyla Galloway, and Loran Snider at The New Palace for Sloan's invitation only performance.



**ABOVE:** Laura MacNeil, clockwise from top left, Heather Mizzi, Keri Molloy, Julie Kennedy, and Kristeen Eagan at the Cunard Centre for Beer and Beethoven.

# Halifax hits the ice



HALIFAX SCENE
JAMIE PATERSON

This week, it's all about the hockey! Halifax has welcomed the world and it's so cool to see hockey fans of all stripes enjoying the hospitality we have to offer. The World Men's Hockey Championship started Friday with team Slovenia taking on the Canadians in their first game.

A tailgate party was in order so it was off to The Alehouse for a pre-game rally to get the fans in the mood. Once that wrapped up, the ticket holders moved on to see Canada get their first win of the tournament. But that didn't mean the party was over, as things at the Alehouse moved seamlessly into the monthly Give'R, held a week later than normal so that folks in town for some world-class hockey could also experience some world-class networking. I found a bevy of beauties upstairs hiding from the hockey and another group downstairs who were introduced to me as the new Molson Girls. It's gonna be a great summer!

There was just enough time to slip out and catch some culture at Symphony Nova Scotia's annual Beer and Beethoven fundraiser. For the last 16 years the symphony has been performing in a relaxed atmosphere and a casual setting for all to enjoy over a beer or two. Among the flowing suds, I spotted Trailer Park Boy, Robb Wells enjoying music his alter ego Ricky wouldn't be caught dead listening to! The evening has become such a success over the years, it's been expanded to cover two nights and packs the expansive Cunard Centre.

This was an extra busy Friday night, since after a little Ninth Symphony it was back downtown to the Palace for a Sloan symphony. The Halifax band was back home for a private show as a part of the World Hockey Championship. The invitation only concert was jam-packed. Another private bash this week features Thornley.

Saturday was all about music my style with a show from the gang at Classic Albums Live. These amazing musicians roll into town every few months and tackle another classic rock album. They perform the album like a symphony, note for note and cut for cut. If you close your eyes, you'd swear the album was on the turntable. In the past they've tackled albums like Fleetwood Mac's Rumors and Led Zeppelin II, but this time it was the big boys. The Beatles classic Abbey Road, a subject I know a few things about! The show was nothing short of outstanding and instrumentally perfect. The hecklers shouting out song requests were an added bonus, as was the gentleman sitting behind me who knew the words to every song. A splendid time was had by all!

By the time I arrived at the Progress Club's Big Spring Auction, I suddenly felt woefully underdressed in my Beatles T-shirt. The rest of the crowd at The Westin was decked out in black tie. Thinking I could quietly slip in and take a few pictures, imagine my surprise to see my own boss at one of the tables! Yikes!

I'd love to make a deal to cover your event for The Scene. Just e-mail me at beatlejamie@eastlink.ca.

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## In Brief

» **CONCERT** David Myles will perform at Casino Nova Scotia's Schooner Showroom on June 11. The show is part of a tour the Halifax-based singer is doing to support his latest album, On The Line. Tickets to see Myles go on sale this Monday at Ticket Atlantic. Call 451-1221. No price has been announced.

» **KUDOS** Halifax choreographer and dance teacher Veronique MacKenzie has been named the recipient of Live Art Dance production's second annual Dianne Moore Scholarship Award. Valued at $500, the award is given to a deserving dancer so they can pursue classes or projects.

» **THEATRE** Neptune Theatre will be holding auditions on May 27 and 28 for its production of George Bernard Shaw's The Devil's Disciple. The play, which kicks off Neptune's new season, runs Sept. 16 through Oct. 12. Call 429-7300 ext. 231 for more information and to book a time. METRO HALIFAX

# Queens stretches limits

## Fans spur band to try new places

By **DEAN LISK**
Metro Halifax



Queens of the Stone Age are playing a sold-out show at the Cunard Centre on Tuesday night.

It was a unique experience, one he can file under the "like no other gig" category.

"We were advised to wear hard hats, and the audience was advised to, but I didn't want to play with it on all night," guitarist Troy Van Leeuwen said.

Last month, he and the rest of the members of Queens Of The Stone Age took their sound more than 700 metres underground and performed for a few hundred fans in a salt mine in Sondershausen, Germany.

"We are a loud band, and we didn't want to play loud that far underground," said Van Leeuwen. "For the cavernous sound that venue has, it would have been horrible for a loud rock band, so we stripped ourselves down and played at a softer level.

"I don't recommend hanging out there too long. You sort of get dried out. The salt air wants to make you choke a little — but for a gig the venue was really cool."

It will be a different type of salt air — or harbour stench — the California rockers experiences on Tuesday when they play the Cunard Centre.

The sold-out show is the last on the band's Canadian tour — one where they played large and small cities — to promote its fifth studio album, Era Vulgaris. Released last year, the album was inspired by lead singer, and founding band member, Josh Homme's tiresome daily commutes through Hollywood.

"We've played a lot of places that not too many bands go to," said Van Leeuwen, who started working with the group in 2002. "Obviously, having dates sold out, shows us we need to go to those places.

"It's as important to the fans for us to go as it is for us in the band to just explore and have new experiences."


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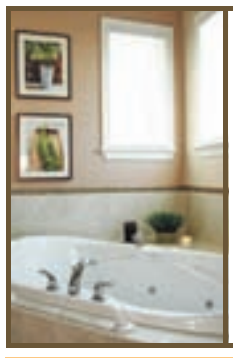
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***Tip of the Day:*** *If in the last few years you haven't discarded a major opinion or acquired a new one, check your pluse. You may be dead. – Gelett Burgess*



Is Grand Theft Auto IV, left, everything it has been hyped as? Is Iron Man: The Video Game packed with high-flying action? Find out the answers to these and many more questions in the Game On column, exclusively at *metronews.ca*.

# Down to three at Idol

## 51 million vote tally highest so far this season

By **SANDY CAETANO**
for Metro Halifax

Jason Castro lost his chance at the American Idol crown when he didn't remember the lyrics for Bob Dylan's Mr. Tambourine Man.

The viewers were not as sympathetic for Castro, who was voted off the show last night, as they were two weeks ago with Brooke White when she fumbled on her song and had to start over. Maybe his magic has finally faded, or viewers really don't get his artistry.

It's not that Castro is a horrible singer, he's just not suited for this singing competition — he doesn't fit the Idol mould. Perhaps busking back in his hometown of Rockwall, Texas, will work better for him.

Nearly 51 million votes came flooding in following Tuesday's Rock And Roll Hall Of Fame themed show, the highest this season thus far. And it was so close that the competitors — Castro, David Cook, David Archuleta and Syesha Mercado — were all within a million votes of one another.

Before the results were read, viewers were treated with the usual song and dance, a group performance that featured the Idol hopefuls singing Reeling In The Years by Steely Dan. After host Ryan Seacrest revealed that both Archuleta and Cook were safe, judge Randy Jackson offered a few words of advice to Cook.



CTV PHOTO

Jason Castro isn't the only American Idol contestant to forget song lyrics — David Archuleta blanked on words, too.

"You just got to keep being yourself ... you've been one of our most original ever ... and rock it out baby," said Jackson.

More performances followed including a number by pop rock band Maroon 5, which sang If I Never See Your Face Again, and an appearance by Season 4 runner-up Bo Bice, who sang his new single Witness.

This week's bottom two included Mercado and Castro. Thankfully, Mercado will be returning next week as part of the final three. She has proven to be a very strong competitor, and one to be reckoned with. Unfortunately, it was Castro's turn to say goodbye.

"It's been a pleasure ... dreams do come true, so dream big," said Castro before ending the show singing Bob Marley's I Shot The Sheriff.

## »news In Brief

» **PEOPLE** Amy Winehouse has been arrested after police were handed a video in January which allegedly showed her taking drugs, BBC News Online reports. The singer is being questioned at a police station in east London, her spokesman said.

» **MOVIES** Disney teen stars the Jonas Brothers will star in a 3-D concert film, Reuters reports. The movie, to hit theatres in 2009, will feature footage from the group's upcoming Burning Up tour, as well as a look at the lives of bandmates Kevin, Joe and Nick. The Jonas Brothers tour kicks off in Toronto on July 4.

» **GAMING** Take-Two Interactive Software Inc. scored more than $500 million US in global sales of action game Grand Theft Auto 4 in its first week. The video game publisher said yesterday that it sold about 3.6 million units globally at the game's debut on April 29, and some 6 million units in total in the week.

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## movies



Common

### Rapper Common joins Terminator

**CASTING** Rapper Common will have a starring role in the upcoming fourth instalment of the Terminator series, Terminator Salvation: The Future Begins.

The Chicago MC will play a freedom fighter named Barnes who is defending the human race against a machine that aims to destroy it.

Common will star alongside Christian Bale — who will play the main character, John Connor — and Sam Worthington, among others.

The Warner Bros. and Sony-distributed film is set to hit theatres in May 2009.

REUTERS

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## critics' corner

**CSI: Crime Scene Investigation**
Any resemblance to an actual sitcom star is purely coincidental ... maybe. The new episode "Two and a Half Deaths" continues the crossover story begun on "Two and a Half Men." Penned by the sitcom's writers, it has Grissom (William Petersen) and company investigating the murder of a television star (Katey Sagal) who was notoriously difficult to work with. Not that "Two and a Half Men" producer Chuck Lorre would know anything about that. 9 PM on CJCH; 10 PM on CBS



**My Name Is Earl**
A match made by karma? You be the judge. When karma brings Earl and Billie (Jason Lee, Alyssa Milano) back into each other's orbits, they decide this is fate's way of telling them to give their relationship a chance. Billie makes her own karma list and finds she and Earl have an item in common: making it right with a grocery bagger they both stole from. But the mission shows Earl another side of her in the new episode "Girl Earl." 9 PM on NBC; 10:31 PM on CIHF

**Scrubs**
Yeah, this new episode is gimmicky, but "Scrubs" does those well. Dr. Cox (John C. McGinley) tells his son about his day by spinning a fairy tale starring the Sacred Heart staff. Elliot (Sarah Chalke) is a princess with an ailing handmaiden, J.D. (Zach Braff) is the village idiot, the Janitor (Neil Flynn) is a giant, Turk and Carla (Donald Faison, Judy Reyes) are a two-headed monster, and Kelso (Ken Jenkins) is the Dark Lord. Cox? The hero, of course. 9:30 PM on NBC

**Hear and Now**
Imagine hearing sounds for the first time after living in silence for 65 years. That's what happened to Paul and Sally Taylor, whose stories are told in this new documentary by their daughter Irene Taylor Brodsky. The elder Taylors, deaf since birth, decided in their 60s to get cochlear implants to give them the ability to hear. What happens next is sometimes funny, sometimes sad, always touching. 10 PM on M1

# celebritybuzz



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## Stella calls shotgun on Scarlett's dress

Looks like newly engaged Scarlett Johansson can cross shopping for a bridal gown off her to-do list. "I'm definitely doing her wedding dress," says fashion's Stella McCartney, People.com reports. There's only one hitch before Johansson, 23, gets hitched to fiancé Ryan Reynolds, according to McCartney: "She doesn't know it yet." As for what McCartney has in mind "You know, some kind of dodgy, black thing," McCartney, tongue firmly planted in cheek, joked. "Latex! Latex for Scarlett!" Metro News Services



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## Third time a charm?

Charlie Sheen is to wed fiancée Brooke Mueller at the end of the month, imdb.com reports. The couple has told In Touch magazine exclusively that the nuptials will take place on May 30.

Sheen and Mueller met at a party in early 2006, just after Sheen had separated from his then-wife, Denise Richards. The Two And A Half Men actor proposed to the real estate agent-turned TV personality last summer.

This will be Sheen's third marriage and Mueller's first.

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## Lisa Marie feeling 'unusually well'

Pregnant Lisa Marie Presley says she's "feeling unusually well" these days – and addressed an apology issued by Britain's Daily Mail, People.com reports. "I'm feeling unusually well and happy being pregnant thank you," she writes. She added, in reference to the apology over text claiming that Presley was pursuing a poor diet like her late father, Elvis, "when you finally (get an apology) it is never in the same magnitude as slanderous story. Regardless, I accept their attempt at redemption." Metro News Services



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## Davis turned to booze?

Sex And The City star Kristin Davis regularly drank alcohol because she was "painfully shy" and she was desperate to be more outgoing in her 20s, femalefirst.co.uk reports. "Alcohol freed me. I was really shy and I didn't know how to come out of my shell," she said. Metro News Services



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## Brown, Rihanna 'very close'

It's as close to a confession she's going to give (for now.) Singer Rihanna has finally admitted that something more than friendship is brewing between her and fellow R&B heartthrob Chris Brown, intouchweekly.com reports. "We've always been friends," she revealed in Elle's June issue, "but we're very close now." Metro News Services

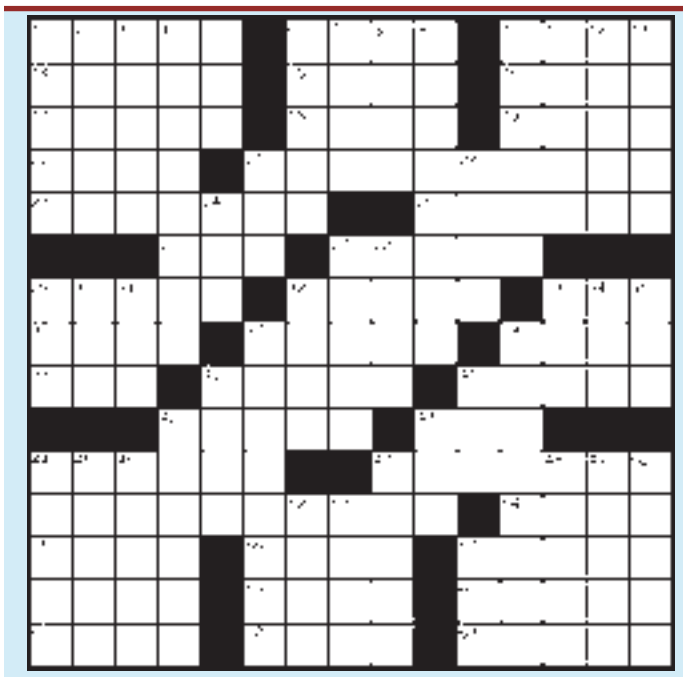
## Mary J. Blige's breakthrough lost her some party friends

Mary J. Blige lost a lot of her friends when she gave up alcohol, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The star has battled both drug and alcohol addictions during her lengthy career, and decided to give up the party lifestyle after meeting her now-husband Kendu Isaacs in 2000. R&B singer Blige insists she had plenty of friends when she was going out and spending lots of money on drink, but when she became drink-free, all the people she considered close suddenly disappeared.

She says, "When I said I'm not drinking any more, I'm not hanging out any more – it was almost like people ran away from me. They just vanished, and it hurt me really, really bad because there was a point where I believed those people loved and liked me, I really did. And that's devastation." Metro News Services



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3 "Ernani," for one
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5 NASA counterpart
6 Pungent
7 Motel plus
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9 Traveling companion
10 Wisdom teeth
11 Fridge maker
12 Splinter groups
13 Cypress features
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22 Shopper's bag
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27 Cranky person
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46 Battery's "+" end
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49 VCR function
50 Clay-target sport
52 Steer or ram
53 Long-active volcano
57 Turkish title

## across »

1 Free play
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10 False face
14 African antelopes
15 Merry king of rhyme
16 Auspice
17 Hippodrome
18 Parks or Ponselle
19 Queen Anne's —
20 Taxi rider
21 Amateur
23 Heavy-duty truck
25 Quagmire
26 Operate
27 Pesky bugs
29 Hideous monsters
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33 As being
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37 Pantyhose color
38 Over-the-counter buy
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41 Inflict, as damage
42 Get a grip on
43 Egg — yung
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54 Scrape one's shins
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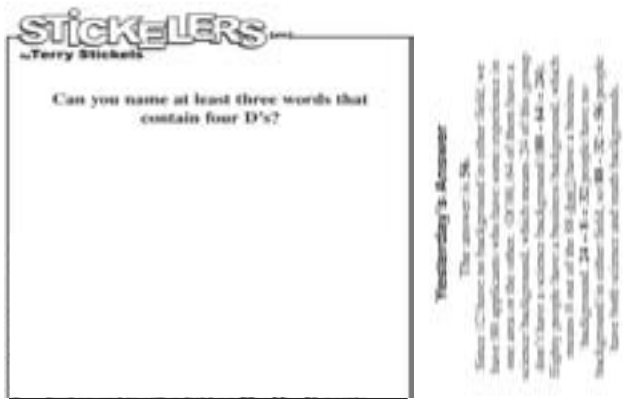
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## instructions »

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| 17-21 | Smart |
| 21-25 | Pretty good |
| More than 25 | Keep practising |

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**ARIES | March 21-April 20**
Passion will bloom in the blink of an eye. Help someone who is unsettled by changes. A specialist will appear at night time.

**TAURUS | April 21-May 21**
A confused colleague gets lost in a bureaucratic maze. Toss off a glum expression or you'll be teased. Weather affects your health and wealth.

**GEMINI | May 22-June 21**
Whatever you do, don't lose your temper. Make some changes in your personal space. Don't get caught trying to influence anyone.

**CANCER | June 22-July 22**
A rival keeps you from doing something you like. If a man is acting out of self-defence, avoid him. You can get rid of an infection now.

**LEO | July 23-Aug. 23**
You aren't asking too much from life. Make sure others understand your philosophy. Damning items will be discovered.

**VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22**
You have the potential to be more dynamic. A sentimental person wants to see you. Spirits will be dampened by a web of intrigue.

**LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23**
Try to appear to be more down-to-earth. Some progress can be made despite opposition. Great new opportunities will be tried out.

**SCORPIO | Oct. 24- Nov. 22**
A problem is given to you to deal with. Someone needs attention when you're at a deadline. You'll find a way to be more fulfilled.

**SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23- Dec. 21**
Don't get lost when giving directions. There's a surprise in store for a friend. Too much eagerness might be counter-productive.

**CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20**
An allergic reaction is caused by food. A reluctance to commit will lead to a break-up. A brash guy will cause a ruckus.

**AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18**
A wistful person needs more attention. You'll jump for joy after hearing good news. Don't let your talents waste away from disuse.

**PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20**
A crazy woman has new tricks up her sleeve. Find yourself a quiet room in which to think. Make resolutions about the future. AVATAR VENUS

# This Day IN HISTORY

**May 8, 1886:** Pharmacist John Styth Pemberton invents a carbonated beverage that would later be named Coca-Cola.

**May 8, 1919:** Edward George Honey first proposed the idea of a moment of silence to commemorate The Armistice of World War I, which later resulted in the creation of Remembrance Day.

**May 8, 1933:** Mohandas Gandhi begins a 21-day fast in protest of British oppression in India.

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| 70% | | | 80% | |
| Rain. 13° | Cloudy. 8° | Partly cloudy. 17°/ 6° | Rain. 16°/ 6° | Variable. 11°/ 3° |

**Temperature Normals**
High: 11.6°
Low: 2.9°

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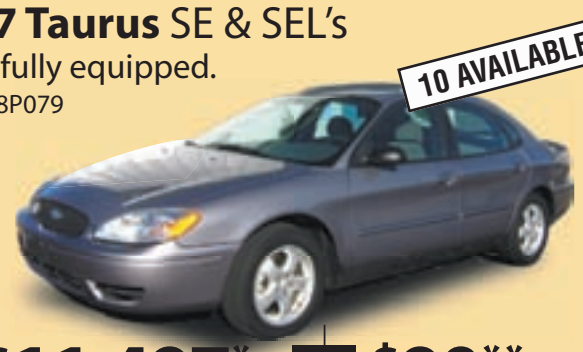
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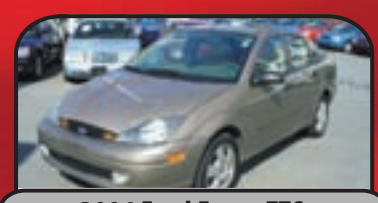

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